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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 22, 2004, the shortened statutory period for response which ends after December 22, 2004, applicant requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 and MPEP 706.07(h) and submits as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the list of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.